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PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue wastewater discharge permits to the facilities listed in this notice. These permits are issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA) and the Administrative Rules of Montana 17.30.1001 *et seq.*, Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS). The Water Protection Bureau has prepared draft permits for the facilities listed below. Copies of the draft permits, statements of basis, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: Frenchtown School District

P.O Box 117

Frenchtown, MT 59834

FACILITY NAME: Frenchtown High School and Junior High School

FACILITY LOCATION: Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 21West,

Missoula County

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001: Class I Ground Water

Outfall 002: Class I Ground Water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000207

Discharges from the FHS, JHS, vocational building and football stadium facilities will consist of domestic wastewater. Wastewater discharged from the FHS and JHS will discharge to the southern most drainfield, wastewater from the vocational building and football bleachers will discharge to the northern most drainfield. The applicant has proposed to upgrade the existing wastewater treatment systems and drainfields as well as construct additional drainfields at all locations. Engineering design reports submitted to the Department by the applicant indicated a design capacity of 12,480 gpd and 2,220 gpd

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2,220 gpd for the FHS/JHS and Vocational building/bleachers respectively.

The drainfields servicing the FHS and JHS School shall be identified as Outfall 001. The drainfields servicing the vocational school and the bleachers shall be identified as Outfall 002. Outfall 001 is located at N 47° 01' 17" latitude and W 114° 14' 32" longitude situated in T 15N, R 21W, Section 34. Outfall 001 is hydraulically down-gradient, and on the southwest side of the FHS property. Outfall 002 is located at N 47° 01' 20" latitude and W 114° 14' 36" longitude situated in T 15N, R 21W, Section 34. Outfall 002 is up-gradient hydraulically and on the northwest side of the FHS property.

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APPLICANT: Plum Creek Manufacturing Inc.

500 12th Avenue West Columbia Falls, MT 59912

FACILITY NAME: Plum Creek Manufacturing,

Columbia Falls Operations

FACILITY LOCATION: Section 8, Township 30 North, Range 20 West, Flathead

County

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 003A: Class I Ground Water

Outfall 004A: Class I Ground Water Outfall 005A Class I Ground Water Outfall 006A Class I Ground Water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000092

This is a renewal permit for multiple subsurface wastewater disposal systems servicing the existing Plum Creek timber products processing facility located in Columbia Falls, MT. Plum Creek Manufacturing (PCM), a timber products processing facility that manufactures plywood, Medium Density Fiberboard (MDF) and finished wood products. All discharges from the PCM facility discharge to Class I ground waters. PCM will be issued standard mixing zones for each outfall for the parameter Total Dissolved Solids (TDS). The Department will grant PCM a mixing zone for TDS at each outfall and the permittee will be required to meet the SMCL of 500 mg/L at the end of each mixing zone. The proposed discharge is not a new or increased source pursuant to ARM 17.30.702 (18).

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited <u>ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS October 22, 2008.</u> Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked <u>PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS October 22, 2008</u> will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail Dianne Beaman at <u>WPBPublicNotices@mt.gov</u>.

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1024).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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